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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6985**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1362

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 26, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 26, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Benefits for Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Personnel.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bischoff

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. M. Young

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *Volunteer Firefighting*. This bill increases the weekly indemnity for volunteer firefighters or emergency medical services personnel who become totally disabled as a result of the member's volunteer firefighting or emergency response duties to at least \$262, after June 30, 2009, and at least the Indiana minimum wage computed on the basis of a forty (40) hour week, after July 23, 2009, for up to a maximum of 260 weeks..

*Emergency Medical*. The bill provides for certain benefits, including a line of duty death benefit and the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the worker's compensation law, for emergency medical services personnel who are certified by the Emergency Medical Services Commission and are members of a volunteer fire department. The bill allows units to procure certain insurance benefits for emergency medical services personnel who are members of a volunteer fire department. It provides for certain limited civil liability for emergency medical services personnel. The bill also makes technical corrections.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Volunteer Firefighting and Emergency Medical*. The bill could increase expenditures for insurance premiums for local units. The specific impact is indeterminable and will depend on current coverage provided by each local unit.

The bill provides for certain benefits for emergency medical services personnel who are certified by the Emergency Medical Services Commission and are members of a volunteer fire department. The number of personnel certified by the Commission are listed below:

EMTs	16,844
EMTs Advanced	1,656
Paramedics	3,268
Intermediate EMTs	182
First Responders	6,409
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,359</b>

Expenses incurred for insurance premiums are paid from the general fund of the unit.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** All units except counties.

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